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# Research Note

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## Preliminary 1941 Log Prices

### in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region

The figures on log prices for 1941 presented herewith were compiled from reports solicited by the Forest Service in cooperation with the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce. The figures given are preliminary. Final figures, by States, will appear in the next annual "Stumpage and Log Price" bulletin which is now being compiled by Henry B. Steer of the Division of Forest Economics, United States Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

The transactions for 1941 listed in the accompanying table amount to 268,513,000 feet log scale with a value of \$3,158,346. The greatest share of the transactions were reported from the "Northeastern Washington" and the "St. Maries - Coeur d'Alene" districts. Total transactions in these two districts amounted to 166,178,000 feet (62 percent of the total) with a value of \$1,994,893 (63 percent of the total). Prices paid in these districts were usually higher than in others, which correlates with the known fact that competition for timber in these two districts is keener than elsewhere in the region.

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PRELIMINARY 1941 LOG PRICES IN THE NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

(Per M feet log scale)

District									All districts
Northwestern Washington	St. Maries-Coeur d'Alene	Sandpoint	Clearwater	Kalispell	Missoula-Butte	Eastern Montana			
<u>Western (Idaho) White Pine</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	1,214	32,800	7,464	338	1,355	492	None		43,663
Total value.....	\$22,279	\$569,165	\$146,901	\$4,910	\$24,052	\$4,797			\$772,104
Av. price per M....	\$18.35	\$17.35	\$19.68	\$14.53	\$17.75	\$9.75			\$17.68
Price range.....	\$15.50-22.00	\$10.75-22.25	\$8.00-22.00	\$7.00-20.00	\$16.00-19.00	-			\$7.00-22.25
<u>Ponderosa Pine</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	25,051	22,537	10,615	1,939	6,519	17,020	695		84,376
Total value.....	\$262,381	\$256,413	\$120,873	\$16,456	\$68,586	\$162,989	\$8,360		\$896,058
Av. price per M....	\$10.47	\$11.38	\$11.39	\$8.49	\$10.52	\$9.58	\$12.03		\$10.62
Price range.....	\$6.00-12.00	\$9.00-16.75	\$10.00-17.00	\$7.50-10.00	\$7.00-13.40	\$7.00-12.00	\$9.00-17.50		\$6.00-17.50
<u>Lodgepole Pine</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	None	None	None	None	17	142	350		509
Total value.....					\$149	\$2,485	\$4,150		\$6,784
Av. price per M....					\$8.76	\$17.50	\$11.86		\$13.33
Price range.....					\$8.50-10.00	-	\$11.00-13.00		\$8.50-17.50
<u>Western Larch</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	4,860	16,146	1,228	170	9,147	3,829	150		35,530
Total value.....	\$43,074	\$186,427	\$11,105	\$1,446	\$78,872	\$50,356	\$2,370		\$373,650
Av. price per M....	\$8.86	\$11.55	\$9.04	\$8.51	\$8.62	\$13.15	\$15.80		\$10.52
Price range.....	\$6.75-11.00	\$6.00-13.75	\$7.00-10.50	\$8.00-9.00	\$7.50-11.25	\$9.00-17.00	\$15.00-16.75		\$6.00-17.00
<u>Douglas-fir</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	9,780	15,823	1,297	543	7,901	2,409	933		38,686
Total value.....	\$99,494	\$186,292	\$12,191	\$4,481	\$67,604	\$36,615	\$11,007		\$417,684
Av. price per M....	\$10.17	\$11.77	\$9.40	\$8.25	\$8.56	\$15.20	\$11.80		\$10.80
Price range.....	\$6.75-14.00	\$6.00-13.75	\$7.00-10.50	\$7.00-8.50	\$7.50-11.25	\$7.00-17.00	\$9.00-24.00		\$6.00-24.00
<u>Engelmann Spruce</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	None	2,969	366	None	3,994	None	None		7,329
Total value.....		\$29,697	\$4,434		\$37,895				\$72,026
Av. price per M....		\$10.00	\$12.11		\$9.49				\$9.83
Price range.....		\$9.00-11.00	\$10.50-12.50		\$8.50-11.00				\$8.50-12.50
<u>Western Hemlock</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	None	6,590	225	None	None	None	None		6,815
Total value.....		\$65,894	\$1,913						\$67,807
Av. price per M....		\$10.00	\$8.50						\$9.95
Price range.....		\$8.50-10.00	-						\$8.50-10.00
<u>Grand (White) Fir</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	250	10,806	225	550	None	95	None		11,926
Total value.....	\$2,625	\$106,033	\$1,913	\$4,425		\$808			\$115,804
Av. price per M....	\$10.50	\$9.81	\$8.50	\$8.05		\$8.51			\$9.71
Price range.....	-	\$8.00-12.50	-	\$7.50-9.00		-			\$7.50-12.50
<u>Western Redcedar</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	None	1,874	3,844	200	1,080	None	None		6,998
Total value.....		\$22,595	\$42,915	\$2,000	\$11,960				\$79,470
Av. price per M....		\$12.06	\$11.16	\$10.00	\$11.07				\$11.36
Price range.....		\$9.00-14.00	\$9.00-14.00	-	\$11.00-12.00				\$9.00-14.00
<u>Cottonwood</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	None	1,123	None	None	None	None	None		1,123
Total value.....		\$11,230							\$11,230
Av. price per M....		\$10.00							\$10.00
Price range.....		-							-
<u>Miscellaneous Sales Unsegregated by Species</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	2,055	12,300	1,587	1,262	None	13,547	807		31,558
Total value.....	\$17,460	\$113,834	\$13,899	\$10,070		\$180,655	\$9,811		\$345,729
Av. price per M....	\$8.50	\$9.25	\$8.76	\$7.98		\$13.34	\$12.16		\$10.94
Price range.....	-	\$7.50-12.00	\$8.75-9.00	\$7.00-10.00		\$8.50-14.00	\$9.00-15.00		\$7.00-15.00
<u>Summary of All Transactions</u>									
Quantity (M feet)..	43,210	122,968	26,851	5,002	30,013	37,534	2,935		268,513
Total value.....	\$447,313	\$1,547,580	\$356,144	\$43,788	\$289,118	\$438,705	\$35,698		\$3,158,346
Av. price per M....	\$10.35	\$12.59	\$13.26	\$8.75	\$9.63	\$11.69	\$12.16		\$11.76
Price range.....	\$6.00-22.00	\$6.00-22.25	\$7.00-22.00	\$7.00-20.00	\$7.00-19.00	\$7.00-17.50	\$9.00-24.00		\$6.00-24.00

The Northwestern Washington district includes Stevens, Spokane, and Pend Oreille Counties in Washington. The St. Maries-Coeur d'Alene district includes Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone Counties in Idaho. The Sandpoint district includes Boundary and Bonner Counties in Idaho. The Clearwater district includes the remainder of Idaho which lies north of the Salmon River. The Kalispell district includes Flathead, Lake, and Lincoln Counties in Montana. The Missoula-Butte district includes Sanders, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Granite, Ravalli, Deer Lodge, Lewis and Clark, and Silver Bow Counties in Montana. The Eastern Montana district includes the remainder of Montana.